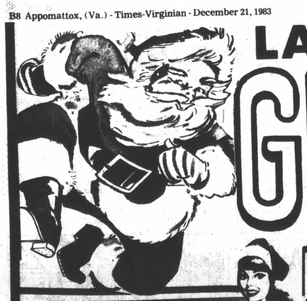

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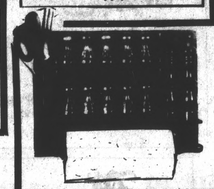

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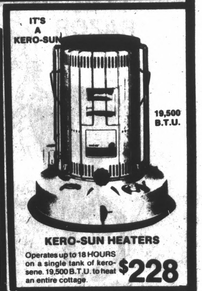

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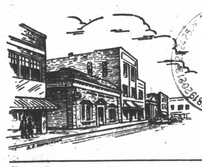

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Ice and cold

Winter arrives with vengeance

Winter arrived with a vengeance last Thursday, as sleet and freezing rain late Wednesday and early Thursday morning turned local roads into treacherous ribbons of ice.

A rash of minor accidents was reported in the area served by the state police headquarters in Appomattox County, which includes Prince Edward, Charlotte and Appomattox Counties.

"In Appomattox County, we may have had six or eight accidents," reports Sgt. B.R. Ritenour of the Virginia State Police. "But the total number in the area was considerably higher."

Ritenour says that most of the accidents were reported early on in the ice storm. "People weren't used to the driving conditions. As time wore on and they realized how bad the road conditions were, the number of accidents decreased," Ritenour says.

While the temperature rose later Thursday and Friday and most of the ice melted from the roadways, a blast of arctic air moved into the area Saturday and drove temperatures below the freezing mark for the Christmas weekend, wreaking havoc on plumbing systems in county homes and businesses.

Frozen water pipes which burst and flooded the Courtland Building on Court Street in Appomattox forced the closing of the VPI District Extension office, as well as the ASCS, Soil Conservation and Farmers Home Administration offices Tuesday morning.

At Triangle Plaza Shopping Center, Stephen's Fashions had to close Tuesday morning when it was discovered that water pipes in the ceiling had burst and damaged the ceiling and part of the business' inventory.

Other area businesses experienced minor problems resulting from the extreme low temperatures. The Appomattox County Sheriff's Department which records the official weather data for the county, reports that the low temperature during the Saturday-through Monday cold spell was minus eight degrees farenheit, which was recorded at 6:30 a.m. Monday. The high temperature for the three-day period was 25 degrees, recorded Saturday. The highest thermometer reading all day Monday was 12 degrees.

The extreme cold was made worse by high winds during the three-day cold spell. A Sheriff's Department spokesman said that at one point Monday, the wind chill factor was minus 33 degrees.

Harold Nash, superintendent of the Appomattox Town Public Works, reports that many homes in the area had plumbing problems created by frozen pipes. "We didn't have any problems on the town side of the water meters, but there were a lot of frozen pipes in residents' homes," Nash says.

"People were not prepared for the kind of cold weather we had over the weekend," Nash says. "The low temperatures and the high winds made it hard to keep from freezing, if there was any exposure at all."

Nash notes that "anyone with a pipe which is prone to freezing in a wall should open a closet door or cabinet doors under a sink to let as much heat as possible get near the pipe."

"And it helps to run some water through the faucet from time to time," Nash adds. "Those little things can prevent a lot of headaches when it gets as cold as it was here this weekend," he concludes.

ICE COATED TREES and almost anything else outside in Wednesday's ice storm, which continued into Thursday and heralded the coming of winter. This birch tree was bent double outside Central Fidelity Bank. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

BOARD MEMBERS OF THE Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center look on as Wayne Keffer picks the winning ticket in a fundraising contest for the educational center which culminated last week. Shown looking on are (from left) Preston Willson, Tom B. Hall, Clarence Stith, and (partially hidden) Clark Jones. Grand prize winner was Richard Morse of Boydton, Va. See details, page 12. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Year's events recalled

1983 a dynamic year in county

The year 1983 was a dynamic period in the history of Appomattox County. And, from a terrorist attack in Beirut, Lebanon to a youth wool contest in Blacksburg, Va., stories involving Appomattox County's people were chronicled for the 92nd year in the pages of the **Times-Virginian** newspaper.

Following are some glimpses of the year about to end, as gleaned from the front pages of the **Times-Virginian**:

The year began with stories detailing a state study to locate possible sites for a low-level nuclear dump in the Old Dominion. Appomattox Countians learned in the Jan. 6 issue of the **times-virginian** that their county was one of 18 being considered for location of the dump site.

The nuke-dump issue came up again in the Jan. 20 **Times-Virginian**, when the Appomatox County Board of Supervisors stated publically that they were opposed to a dump site in the county. The Jan. 20 issue also carried a story on the opening of Brandy Ann Manufacturing company in the old Pamplin School building, which provided jobs for many Pamplin residents who were left jobless when the town's Amelia Garment factory burned in 1982.

The Feb. 3 **Times-Virginian** noted that the local cable television system was being expanded, with 60,000 feet of cable on hand and in the process of being installed. The following week readers learned that "Neighborhood Watch" programs were being started around the county in response to a rise in local burglaries.

The Feb. 24 paper carried a story on Linda Ruhf's second-grade class at Appomattox Primary School, which sent messages of cheer to U.S. servicemen stationed aboard the U.S.S.Shreveport, off the coast of Lebanon.

The March 3 edition of the paper noted with sadness the death of Andy Scruggs, a beloved member of the community noted for his volunteer work with the local rescue squad and fire department. The first glimmerings of political activity in the county were apparent in the March 10 issue of the paper, when Commonwealth's Attorney W. Sam Kerr announced that he would not seek re-election in the November election, and incumbent County Supervisor Horace Coleman announced that he would seek re-election to the Clover Hill District seat.

More hats were thrown into the local political ring the following week, when David Nash announced that he would oppose Coleman for the Clover Hill supervisor's seat, Franklin Vaughan announced that he would seek re-election to the Stonewall Supervisor's seat, and local attorney Thomas W. Lawson announced that he would run for Commonwealth's Attorney in Appomattox.

Even more candidates came onto the political scene the following week, as the March 24 issue noted that Dan Herncall and incumbent Ida Belle Campbell had both announced that they would run for the county treasurer's job in the November election.

The final paper in March noted that Ruth Webb, a 12-year veteran of the Appomattox County School Board, would retire from the board when her current term expired. That issue also noted that local radio station WTTX had been sold to CLL* Inc., headed up by the Rev. Wayne Greene.

In the April 7 paper, readers learned that Concord would get a doctor's office, a satellite office of the Appomattox Family Practice Center.

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Baby contest announced

The **Times-Virginian** newspaper, in cooperation with local merchants, is again this year offering a "First Baby of the Year" contest.

The first Appomattox County baby of the year, along with his or her parents, will receive a variety of gifts from local merchants in celebration of 1984's first addition to the county.

Full details of the contest can be found on page 5 of this week's paper. Future issues of the paper will include status reports on the contest, and a feature article on the baby and the baby's parents will be published when a winner is confirmed.

Dan Daniel sets workshops

Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel will hold constituent workshops in Charlotte and Appomattox counties on Thursday, Jan. 19.

The Congressman will be in the courtroom of the Charlotte County Court House from 9 a.m. to noon and at the Appomattox County Court House from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Any resident of the Fifth District who has a problem with a Federal agency or who wishes to discuss legislation before Congress may see him without an appointment.

Those who wish to discuss cases involving Social Security, veterans benefits, the armed services, immigration, etc. should bring with them prior correspondence or file identification numbers to aid the Congressman in his inquiries.

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A new farming course has been developed to help Virginians learn the ins and outs of agriculture. See page 2.

Office closed this Friday

The **Times-Virginian** newspaper office will be closed this Friday (Dec. 30) for the New Year holiday.

The office will be open Monday at the normal time, 8:30 a.m. The paper will be printed on Tuesday next week.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Away off in the future
As far as one can see
Folks will still be talking
Of that cold Christmas '83.

How cold was it? Depends upon who is talking. My lowest porch reading was eleven below zero. But others reported even lower. And frozen pipes, cars not wanting to start added to make the holiday season a memorable one. Mighty proud of my veteran '63 car. No garage, but I loaded it with patio blankets and managed to make trips that were necessary. But it was a good Christmas to stay at home. I see no objection to Christmas Day coming on Sunday. Local churches had fine attendance, but many visitors in town to renew old acquaintances. And local business places seemed to be doing exceedingly well. Shoppers were eager to get the items on their lists and get home. Ah yes, some businesses have soft background music going and I was in one such place. The tune? "In The Good Old Summertime".

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Glad Santa Claus does not operate by computers, but keeps a personal touch. Darkleaf and Brightleaf were well remembered and thanks a million. Wow. And thanks to Vepco and the utilities for keeping operational. Martha Street looked great during the holiday. A special salute to the J.L. (Pete) Clarks for a great outdoor display, brilliantly lighted at night. So did many other families in the area and it made one forget how cold was outside. Travellers Inn had a lighted outdoor tree at the entrance. And Pat and Phil Rice sent us a special card. Hold it in the suggested position and it plays "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." And Rufus and Rose Cawthorne added a birthday cake to their Christmas gifts. Thanks.

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Here's a novel remembrance. Mrs. Barbara Ann Montgomery, Annandale, brought a reprinted front page of The New York Herald Tribune of Dec. 21, 1905 ... My date of birth! Alas, I did not make the front page! How thoughtful can people get!Mrs. Dot Coleman brought a valuable book on Robert E. Lee. And so it went.

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Telephone were busy during the holiday, with many long distance calls. Most of the calls featured reports on cold weather!

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Tip: Keep a list of correct addresses. Good chance to fill out your list from Christmas cards and gift packages.

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Heavens to Betsy, birds ate four pounds of smallbird seed at my windowside bird feeder on Christmas Day. Worth it to watch them eat.

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And now for New Year Resolutions. Make 'em and try to keep 'em. I pray each day that there may be Peace in our time. Join me, and pray for our leaders, Local, State, National and Worldwide. A slogan: "We are going to do More in '84". That tooting you hear around the bend may be Your Ship Coming In.

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Postscript: Thanks to The **Times-Virginian** for publishing these remarks another year, a series that stretches back well over fifty years. A good crew works hard to bring you a splendid home town weekly paper. Hats off to them. And we are rearing to go n '84. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

THIS SMALL FRAME HOUSE on Route 24 across from Dew Drop Inn Restaurant received extensive damage Tuesday in a fire which was reported to the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department at 12:17 p.m. The house was rented by Chester and Debbie Smith and their four children, none of whom were at home when the blaze started. No injuries were reported in the blaze, and its cause is under investigation. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)